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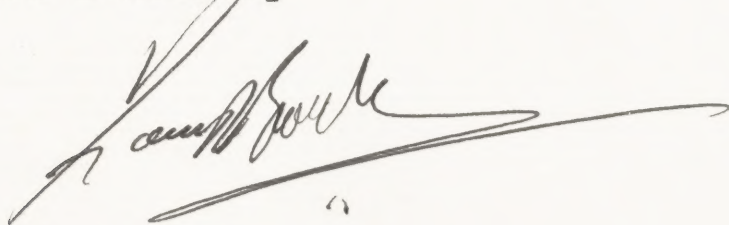
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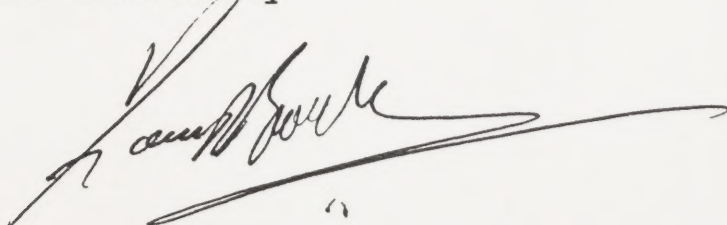
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Flawed 1776 Cont Dollar

\ between E and U of FUGIO

N of CURRENCY

Gray cast
plain edge

WE ARE ONE is weak

Many dots indented betw ^{left side of} Sundial + inside circle.


↑ ↑ if turned on horizontal axis



8/24/90

Floated 1776 Cont Dollar

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212 546 1056

called and gave me

ANACS

~~JK~~
~~JK~~

JK 0213

for the Cont Dol 5-D

He said ^{two} ~~three~~ who saw it said
it was ~~over~~ genuine ~~overwhelming~~

He mentioned Ford + Bowles

He said the overwhelming opinion was
that it was genuine.

I asked him if anyone put their
opinion in writing, He said no.

9/10/90

Peggy Heffernan information
ANACS

JK 0213

6/21/90

Continental Dollar

Cast copy. Heavy.

Randy Campbell
Tim Hargis
S. P. Martin
Mary Laurvain

} opinion

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Registered Mail

Dear Jim:

Michael Hodder, at your direction, sent us for examination the 5-D Continental Currency dollar which is to be auctioned by you shortly. We are returning it herewith.

We find it weighs 19.31 grams and has a specific gravity of 7.54. On the obverse there is a diagonal dent between the second **N** and **T** of CONTINENTAL; a dent between **F** and **U** of FUGIO; and a dent between and above **ER** in AMERICAN. On the reverse, the first **S** in MASACHS is missing as is the inner loop of the ring under **MA**. There is a raised defect over the right side of the first **A** and above it. The surfaces of the faces are reflective. The edge is plain and rough. The faces at the edge have some exposed bright metal spots from handling but otherwise the color of the coin is a uniform medium gray. The planchet did not leave room for the lower part of the square ornament to the right of the date to be visible.

There has been no metallic analysis made.

Michael believes the piece is genuine. I also do, as I have found defects like the MASACHS situation on other varieties in the series struck in pewter.

I hope I have been helpful.

Kindest regards,



Eric P. Newman

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5-D

19.31 ²⁹⁸ grams

1.91 tare 29.5

18.66 in water 288

$$\begin{array}{r} 18.66 \\ 1.91 \\ \hline 16.75 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 19.31 \\ 16.75 \\ \hline 2.56 \end{array}$$

7.54

Dent diagonally upward
between ^{second} N and T in
CONTINENTAL

Dent between F and U in
FUGIO

Dent between & alone ER in AMERICAN

First S in MASSACHUSETTS
missing and

under loop
missing ~~from~~
under MA

~~Continuation of ring~~
~~outer loop~~ defect
right side of H.
and above it.

Rough
plain edge

Reflective
surfaces

faces at edge have bright
areas

7.54

2.5600

19.31000
17.92

1.390

128.0

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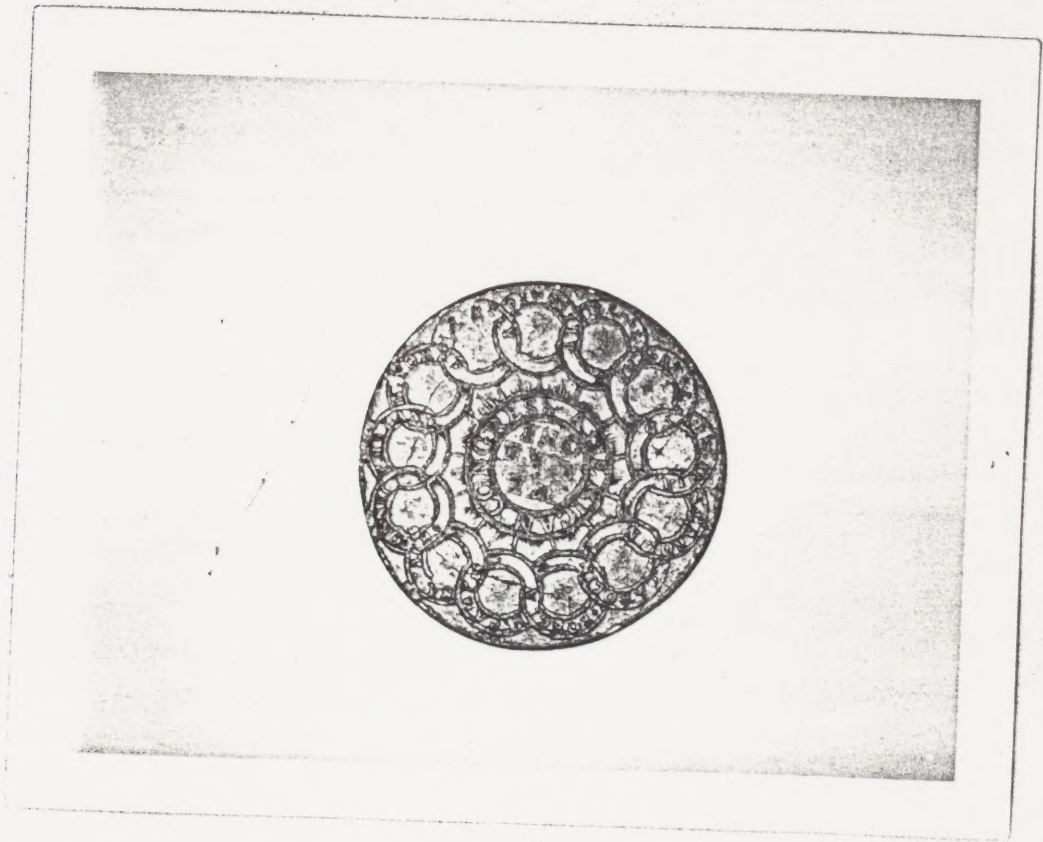
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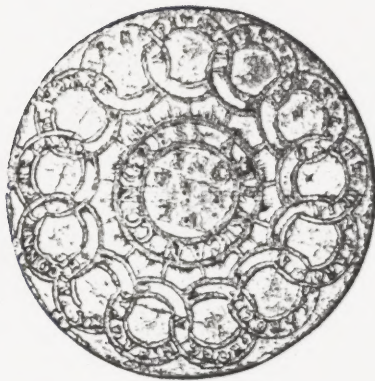


Contented Dad
5-D

Christie S-D.



Christie's S-D



NEWS AND NOTES FROM THE WORLD OF COLONIAL NUMISMATICS

Another A.N.A. convention has passed, and while the feeling of most dealers was that it was one of the most poorly attended shows and was almost completely lacking in anything "special," those of us interested in colonial issues had a pretty good time. There were many mouth-watering coins in the display cases of dealers Tony Terranova, Mike Ringo [who probably had his best show ever!] and Dana Linett. Fellow dealer Tom Rinaldo drove up from San Francisco, specialist Bob Vlack and several prominent East Coast collectors all added to the camaraderie of the "copper people." It was indeed a comforting feeling that while collectors and investors were shunning the various slabbed coins [resulting in the famous "crash" of a few months ago], there have been many new collectors joining the ranks of those interested in the early numismatic issues of America. Other A.N.A. highlights:

- The discovery of the second known 1776 Continental "Dollar" or unit with the ornament after the Y [Newman 5-D], which graded better than VF and was slightly off center. Interestingly enough, this specimen was condemned by ANACS because it had a plain edge and was heavier than a "normal" Continental unit. I guess nobody ever bothered to read the wonderful description of the piece in the Norweb sale! It was later authenticated by experts Walter Breen, Eric Newman and John Ford. This makes the second known specimen, though the piece illustrated in the Newman work, which was copied from a rubbing in one of Edgar H. Adams notebooks, still remains unlocated. Look for the piece in an upcoming Christie's sale; this will probably be the cover coin!

- The A.N.A. auction by Heritage featured the extremely rare 1717-Q French Colonies Sol de 12 Deniers, Breen 258. It is believed that this is the only public sale of this coin in the United States in the last century [though Mrs. Norweb was able to purchase one 6 Deniers and two 12 Deniers privately]. Estimates ranged from the "Redbook" value of \$2,000 to around \$15,000. It actually sold to a specialist for \$31,900 with very heavy bidding well past the \$20,000 mark.

- Fascinating talks were given by Eric P. Newman on early American mechanical counterfeit detectors [scales and other devices used to detect counterfeit coins] and Walter Breen, who answered questions from all fields of American numismatics. Unfortunately, a talk by John J. Ford, Jr. on "Numismatic Americana" had to be cancelled because of a family medical problem.

Other news of note:

- The next Bowers and Merena sale features more duplicate Connecticut and New Jersey coppers from the Boyd, Brand and Ryder estate collections. Although the quality won't be as high as the last sale, this represents a good opportunity for collectors to obtain pieces that have been off the market for over 40 years.

- Price lists of colonial coins have recently been put out by dealers Tom Rinaldo and Mike Ringo. Copies are still available from each, free of charge. We haven't seen a list by Don Mituzas in some time, and hope that all is well with him.

- The recent *American Journal of Numismatics*, Volume I, second series, contains an extremely interesting article by Michael Hodder entitled "New Jersey Reverse J, A Biennial Die." The 42-page article [along with two high quality photographic plates] presents a wealth of information on this reverse and the various obverses used with it, culminating in a very tight, and statistically accurate emission sequence for the issues. Probably the most shocking aspect was that some issues were struck as late as 1790. For those who are not Fellows or Associates of the American Numismatic Society, we strongly suggest getting in touch with them to see if a copy of this publication can be purchased; it is a bargain at any price!